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What Is Claimed Is:

1	1. A method for facilitating magnification of a target region within a		
2	field of view through use of a magnifier, wherein a magnification level of the		
3	magnifier is coupled to motion of the magnifier, the method comprising:		
4	receiving a movement command from a user to move a location of the		
5	magnifier within the field of view; and		
6	in response to the movement command, reducing the magnification factor		
7	of the magnifier, so that a larger portion of the field of view becomes visible		
8	within the magnifier to facilitate navigating the magnifier to a desired location.		
1	2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:		
2	receiving a cessation of movement command from the user indicating that		
3	movement of the magnifier has ceased; and		
4	in response to the cessation of movement command, restoring the		
5	magnification factor of the magnifier to an original magnification factor.		
1	3. The method of claim 2, wherein the movement command is a		
2	mouse drag event and the cessation of movement command is a mouse button up		
3	event.		
1	4. The method of claim 1, wherein when the magnification factor is		
2	reduced, the method further comprises visually indicating a boundary of a		
3	magnified region within the magnifier, wherein the magnified region becomes		
4	visible in magnified form when the magnification factor is restored to an original		
5	magnification factor.		
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1	5.	The method of claim 4, wherein visually indicating the boundary of		
2	the magnified	d region involves modifying the appearance of regions within the		
3	magnifier that are located outside of the magnified region, wherein the			
4	modification	involves grey shading, modifying color or modifying translucence.		
1	6.	The method of claim 1, wherein reducing the magnification factor		
2	involves redu	ucing the magnification factor to one so that the magnifier no longer		
3	obscures por	tions of the field of view located under the magnifier.		
1	7.	The method of claim 1, wherein the movement command is a		
2	command that	at selects the magnifier in preparation for moving the magnifier.		
1	8.	The method of claim 1, wherein reducing the magnification factor		
2	involves redu	ncing the magnification factor by a factor that is proportionate to a		
3	drag speed of the magnifier, whereby the faster the magnifier is moved, the more			
4	the magnifica	ation level is reduced.		
1	9.	The method of claim 1, wherein the magnifier is a window that the		
2	user can mov	re about the field of view.		
1	10.	The method of claim 1, wherein the field of view is a display for a		
2	computationa	al device.		
1	11.	A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that		
2	when execute	ed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method for		
3	facilitating m	agnification of a target region through use of a magnifier, wherein a		
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4	magnification level of the magnifier is coupled to motion of the magnifier within	
5	a field of view, the method comprising:	
6	receiving a movement command from a user to move a location of the	
7	magnifier within the field of view; and	
8	in response to the movement command, reducing the magnification factor	
9	of the magnifier, so that a larger portion of the field of view becomes visible	
0	within the magnifier to facilitate navigating the magnifier to a desired location	
1	within the field of view.	
1	12. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the	
2	method further comprises:	
3	receiving a cessation of movement command from the user indicating that	
4	movement of the magnifier has ceased; and	
5	in response to the cessation of movement command, restoring the	
6	magnification factor of the magnifier to an original magnification factor.	
1	13. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the	
2	movement command is a mouse drag event and the cessation of movement	
3	command is a mouse button up event.	
1	14. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein when	
2	the magnification factor is reduced, the method further comprises visually	
3	indicating a boundary of a magnified region within the magnifier, wherein the	
4	magnified region becomes visible in magnified form when the magnification	
5	factor is restored to an original magnification factor.	

1	15. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 1/4, wherein		
2	visually indicating the boundary of the magnified region involves modifying the		
3	appearance of regions within the magnifier that are located outside of the		
4	magnified region, wherein the modification involves grey shading, modifying		
5	color or modifying translucence.		
1	16. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein		
2	reducing the magnification factor involves reducing the magnification factor to		
3	one so that the magnifier no longer obscures portions of the field of view located		
4	under the magnifier.		
1	17. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the		
2	movement command is a command that selects the magnifier in preparation for		
3	moving the magnifier.		
1	18. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein		
2	reducing the magnification factor involves reducing the magnification factor by a		
3	factor that is proportionate to a drag speed of the magnifier, whereby the faster the		
4	magnifier is moved, the more the magnification level is reduced.		
1	19. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the		
2	magnifier is a window that the user can move about the field of view.		
1	20. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the		

field of view is a display for a computational device.

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1	21. An apparatus that facilitates magnification of a target region within		
2	a display, comprising:		
3	a computational device;		
4	the display within the computational device;		
5	a magnifier within the display;		
6	a user interface that is configured to receive a movement command from a		
7	user to move a location of the magnifier within the display; and		
8	wherein in response to the movement command, the magnifier is		
9	configured to reduce a magnification factor associated with the magnifier, so that		
10	a larger portion of the display becomes visible within the magnifier to facilitate		
11	navigating the magnifier to a desired location within the display.		
1	22. The apparatus of claim 21,		
2	wherein the user interface is additionally configured to receive a cessation		
3	of movement command from the user indicating that movement of the magnifier		
4	has ceased; and		
5	wherein in response to the cessation of movement command, the magnifie		
6	is configured to restore the magnification factor to an original magnification		
7	factor.		
1	23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the movement command is a		
2	mouse drag event and the cessation of movement command is a mouse button up		
3	event.		
1	24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein when the magnification factor		
2	is reduced, the magnifier is configured to visually indicate a boundary of a		
3	magnified region within the magnifier, wherein the magnified region becomes		
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- visible in magnified form when the magnification factor is restored to an original 4 5 magnification factor.
- 1 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein while visually indicating the boundary of the magnified region, the magnifier is configured to modify the 2 appearance of regions within the magnifier that are located outside of the 3 4 magnified region, wherein the modification involves grey shading, modifying 5 color or modifying translucence.
 - The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the magnifier is configured to 26. reduce the magnification factor to/one, so that the magnifier no longer obscures portions of the display located under the magnifier.
 - The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the movement command is a 27. command that selects the magnifier in preparation for moving the magnifier.
- The Apparatus of claim 21, wherein the magnifier is configured to 1 28. 2 the magnification factor by a factor that is proportionate to a drag speed of the 3 magnifier, whereby the faster the magnifier is moved, the more the magnification 4 level is reduced.
- The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the magnifier is a window that the user can move about the display. 2